1	ALARM SYSTEM AMENDMENTS
2	2022 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Don L. Ipson
5	House Sponsor: Mike Schultz
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill regulates the use of a battery-charged suspended-wire system as part of an
10	alarm system.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	<ul> <li>provides that a political subdivision may not pass an ordinance regulating</li> </ul>
14	battery-charged suspended-wire systems if the system meets certain requirements;
15	<ul> <li>modifies the definition of alarm system to include a battery-charged suspended-wire</li> </ul>
16	system;
17	<ul> <li>provides that a battery-charged suspended-wire system that is part of an alarm</li> </ul>
18	system must be installed, maintained, repaired, or replaced by a licensed alarm
19	company or business or a licensed alarm company agent;
20	<ul> <li>describes the requirements for a battery-charged suspended-wire system that is part</li> </ul>
21	of an alarm system; and
22	<ul><li>makes technical changes.</li></ul>
23	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
24	None
25	Other Special Clauses:
26	None
27	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>



28	AMENDS:
29	58-55-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 3
30	58-55-308, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339
31	ENACTS:
32	11-65-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953
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34	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
35	Section 1. Section 11-65-101 is enacted to read:
36	CHAPTER 65. BATTERY-CHARGED SUSPENDED-WIRE SYSTEM
37	11-65-101. Battery-charged suspended-wire system.
38	(1) A political subdivision may not make an ordinance or other regulation prohibiting
39	or otherwise regulating the installation of a battery-charged suspended-wire system on
40	non-residential property, if the suspended-wire system:
41	(a) is installed, repaired, maintained, or replaced by a licensed alarm company or
42	business or a licensed alarm company agent; and
43	(b) meets the requirements described in Subsection 58-55-308(5)(a).
44	(2) Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent a political subdivision from
45	making an ordinance or other regulation related to a nonelectric perimeter wall or fence $\hat{H} \rightarrow \underline{, or}$
45a	signage related to the perimeter wall or fence, ←Ĥ that
46	surrounds a battery-charged suspended-wire system.
47	Section 2. Section <b>58-55-102</b> is amended to read:
48	<b>58-55-102.</b> Definitions.
49	In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:
50	(1) (a) "Alarm business or company" means a person engaged in the sale, installation,
51	maintenance, alteration, repair, replacement, servicing, or monitoring of an alarm system,
52	except as provided in Subsection (1)(b).
53	(b) "Alarm business or company" does not include:
54	(i) a person engaged in the manufacture or sale of alarm systems unless:
55	(A) that person is also engaged in the installation, maintenance, alteration, repair,
56	replacement, servicing, or monitoring of alarm systems;
57	(B) the manufacture or sale occurs at a location other than a place of business
58	established by the person engaged in the manufacture or sale; or

(C) the manufacture or sale involves site visits at the place or intended place of installation of an alarm system; or

- (ii) an owner of an alarm system, or an employee of the owner of an alarm system who is engaged in installation, maintenance, alteration, repair, replacement, servicing, or monitoring of the alarm system owned by that owner.
  - (2) "Alarm company agent":

- (a) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), means any individual employed within this state by an alarm business; and
  - (b) does not include an individual who:
- (i) is not engaged in the sale, installation, maintenance, alteration, repair, replacement, servicing, or monitoring of an alarm system; and
- (ii) does not, during the normal course of the individual's employment with an alarm business, use or have access to sensitive alarm system information.
  - (3) (a) "Alarm system" means equipment and devices assembled for the purpose of:
- [(a)] (i) detecting and signaling unauthorized intrusion or entry into or onto certain premises; or
  - [(b)] (ii) signaling a robbery or attempted robbery on protected premises.
- (b) "Alarm system" includes a battery-charged suspended-wire system or fence that is part of and interfaces with an alarm system for the purposes of detecting and deterring unauthorized intrusion or entry into or onto certain premises.
- (4) "Apprentice electrician" means a person licensed under this chapter as an apprentice electrician who is learning the electrical trade under the immediate supervision of a master electrician, residential master electrician, a journeyman electrician, or a residential journeyman electrician.
- (5) "Apprentice plumber" means a person licensed under this chapter as an apprentice plumber who is learning the plumbing trade under the immediate supervision of a master plumber, residential master plumber, journeyman plumber, or a residential journeyman plumber.
- (6) "Approved continuing education" means instruction provided through courses under a program established under Subsection 58-55-302.5(2).
  - (7) (a) "Approved prelicensure course provider" means a provider that is the

Associated General Contractors of Utah, the Utah Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors, or the Utah Home Builders Association, and that meets the requirements established by rule by the commission with the concurrence of the director, to teach the 25-hour course described in Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(iii).

- (b) "Approved prelicensure course provider" may only include a provider that, in addition to any other locations, offers the 25-hour course described in Subsection 58-55-302(1)(e)(iii) at least six times each year in one or more counties other than Salt Lake County, Utah County, Davis County, or Weber County.
- (8) "Board" means the Electrician Licensing Board, Alarm System Security and Licensing Board, or Plumbers Licensing Board created in Section 58-55-201.
  - (9) "Combustion system" means an assembly consisting of:

- (a) piping and components with a means for conveying, either continuously or intermittently, natural gas from the outlet of the natural gas provider's meter to the burner of the appliance;
- (b) the electric control and combustion air supply and venting systems, including air ducts; and
  - (c) components intended to achieve control of quantity, flow, and pressure.
- (10) "Commission" means the Construction Services Commission created under Section 58-55-103.
  - (11) "Construction trade" means any trade or occupation involving:
- (a) (i) construction, alteration, remodeling, repairing, wrecking or demolition, addition to, or improvement of any building, highway, road, railroad, dam, bridge, structure, excavation or other project, development, or improvement to other than personal property; and
- (ii) constructing, remodeling, or repairing a manufactured home or mobile home as defined in Section 15A-1-302; or
- (b) installation or repair of a residential or commercial natural gas appliance or combustion system.
- (12) "Construction trades instructor" means a person licensed under this chapter to teach one or more construction trades in both a classroom and project environment, where a project is intended for sale to or use by the public and is completed under the direction of the instructor, who has no economic interest in the project.

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control of electrical utilities;

(13) (a) "Contractor" means any person who for compensation other than wages as an employee undertakes any work in the construction, plumbing, or electrical trade for which licensure is required under this chapter and includes: (i) a person who builds any structure on the person's own property for the purpose of sale or who builds any structure intended for public use on the person's own property; (ii) any person who represents that the person is a contractor, or will perform a service described in this Subsection (13), by advertising on a website or social media, or any other means: (iii) any person engaged as a maintenance person, other than an employee, who regularly engages in activities set forth under the definition of "construction trade"; (iv) any person engaged in, or offering to engage in, any construction trade for which licensure is required under this chapter; or (v) a construction manager, construction consultant, construction assistant, or any other person who, for a fee: (A) performs or offers to perform construction consulting; (B) performs or offers to perform management of construction subcontractors; (C) provides or offers to provide a list of subcontractors or suppliers; or (D) provides or offers to provide management or counseling services on a construction project. (b) "Contractor" does not include: (i) an alarm company or alarm company agent; or (ii) a material supplier who provides consulting to customers regarding the design and installation of the material supplier's products. (14) (a) "Electrical trade" means the performance of any electrical work involved in the installation, construction, alteration, change, repair, removal, or maintenance of facilities, buildings, or appendages or appurtenances. (b) "Electrical trade" does not include: (i) transporting or handling electrical materials; (ii) preparing clearance for raceways for wiring;

(iii) work commonly done by unskilled labor on any installations under the exclusive

(iv) work involving cable-type wiring that does not pose a shock or fire-initiation hazard; or

- (v) work involving class two or class three power-limited circuits as defined in the National Electrical Code.
- (15) "Elevator" means the same as that term is defined in Section 34A-7-202, except that for purposes of this chapter it does not mean a stair chair, a vertical platform lift, or an incline platform lift.
- (16) "Elevator contractor" means a sole proprietor, firm, or corporation licensed under this chapter that is engaged in the business of erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing, or maintaining an elevator.
- (17) "Elevator mechanic" means an individual who is licensed under this chapter as an elevator mechanic and who is engaged in erecting, constructing, installing, altering, servicing, repairing, or maintaining an elevator under the immediate supervision of an elevator contractor.
- (18) "Employee" means an individual as defined by the division by rule giving consideration to the definition adopted by the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Workforce Services.
  - (19) "Engage in a construction trade" means to:
- (a) engage in, represent oneself to be engaged in, or advertise oneself as being engaged in a construction trade; or
- (b) use the name "contractor" or "builder" or in any other way lead a reasonable person to believe one is or will act as a contractor.
- (20) (a) "Financial responsibility" means a demonstration of a current and expected future condition of financial solvency evidencing a reasonable expectation to the division and the board that an applicant or licensee can successfully engage in business as a contractor without jeopardy to the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (b) Financial responsibility may be determined by an evaluation of the total history concerning the licensee or applicant including past, present, and expected condition and record of financial solvency and business conduct.
- (21) "Gas appliance" means any device that uses natural gas to produce light, heat, power, steam, hot water, refrigeration, or air conditioning.
- (22) (a) "General building contractor" means a person licensed under this chapter as a

general building contractor qualified by education, training, experience, and knowledge to perform or superintend construction of structures for the support, shelter, and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels, or movable property of any kind or any of the components of that construction except plumbing, electrical work, mechanical work, work related to the operating integrity of an elevator, and manufactured housing installation, for which the general building contractor shall employ the services of a contractor licensed in the particular specialty, except that a general building contractor engaged in the construction of single-family and multifamily residences up to four units may perform the mechanical work and hire a licensed plumber or electrician as an employee.

- (b) The division may by rule exclude general building contractors from engaging in the performance of other construction specialties in which there is represented a substantial risk to the public health, safety, and welfare, and for which a license is required unless that general building contractor holds a valid license in that specialty classification.
- (23) (a) "General electrical contractor" means a person licensed under this chapter as a general electrical contractor qualified by education, training, experience, and knowledge to perform the fabrication, construction, and installation of generators, transformers, conduits, raceways, panels, switch gear, electrical wires, fixtures, appliances, or apparatus that uses electrical energy.
- (b) The scope of work of a general electrical contractor may be further defined by rules made by the commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (24) (a) "General engineering contractor" means a person licensed under this chapter as a general engineering contractor qualified by education, training, experience, and knowledge to perform construction of fixed works in any of the following: irrigation, drainage, water, power, water supply, flood control, inland waterways, harbors, railroads, highways, tunnels, airports and runways, sewers and bridges, refineries, pipelines, chemical and industrial plants requiring specialized engineering knowledge and skill, piers, and foundations, or any of the components of those works.
- (b) A general engineering contractor may not perform construction of structures built primarily for the support, shelter, and enclosure of persons, animals, and chattels.
  - (25) (a) "General plumbing contractor" means a person licensed under this chapter as a

general plumbing contractor qualified by education, training, experience, and knowledge to perform the fabrication or installation of material and fixtures to create and maintain sanitary conditions in a building by providing permanent means for a supply of safe and pure water, a means for the timely and complete removal from the premises of all used or contaminated water, fluid and semi-fluid organic wastes and other impurities incidental to life and the occupation of such premises, and a safe and adequate supply of gases for lighting, heating, and industrial purposes.

- (b) The scope of work of a general plumbing contractor may be further defined by rules made by the commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (26) "Immediate supervision" means reasonable direction, oversight, inspection, and evaluation of the work of a person:
  - (a) as the division specifies in rule;

- (b) by, as applicable, a qualified electrician or plumber;
- (c) as part of a planned program of training; and
- (d) to ensure that the end result complies with applicable standards.
- (27) "Individual" means a natural person.
- (28) "Journeyman electrician" means a person licensed under this chapter as a journeyman electrician having the qualifications, training, experience, and knowledge to wire, install, and repair electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, power, and other purposes.
- (29) "Journeyman plumber" means a person licensed under this chapter as a journeyman plumber having the qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to engage in the plumbing trade.
- (30) "Master electrician" means a person licensed under this chapter as a master electrician having the qualifications, training, experience, and knowledge to properly plan, layout, and supervise the wiring, installation, and repair of electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, power, and other purposes.
- (31) "Master plumber" means a person licensed under this chapter as a master plumber having the qualifications, training, experience, and knowledge to properly plan and layout projects and supervise persons in the plumbing trade.
- (32) "Person" means a natural person, sole proprietorship, joint venture, corporation,

limited liability company, association, or organization of any type.

(33) (a) "Plumbing trade" means the performance of any mechanical work pertaining to the installation, alteration, change, repair, removal, maintenance, or use in buildings, or within three feet beyond the outside walls of buildings, of pipes, fixtures, and fittings for the:

(i) delivery of the water supply;

- (ii) discharge of liquid and water carried waste;
- (iii) building drainage system within the walls of the building; and
- (iv) delivery of gases for lighting, heating, and industrial purposes.
- (b) "Plumbing trade" includes work pertaining to the water supply, distribution pipes, fixtures and fixture traps, soil, waste and vent pipes, the building drain and roof drains, and the safe and adequate supply of gases, together with their devices, appurtenances, and connections where installed within the outside walls of the building.
- (34) "Ratio of apprentices" means the number of licensed plumber apprentices or licensed electrician apprentices that are allowed to be under the immediate supervision of a licensed supervisor as established by the provisions of this chapter and by rules made by the commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (35) "Residential and small commercial contractor" means a person licensed under this chapter as a residential and small commercial contractor qualified by education, training, experience, and knowledge to perform or superintend the construction of single-family residences, multifamily residences up to four units, and commercial construction of not more than three stories above ground and not more than 20,000 square feet, or any of the components of that construction except plumbing, electrical work, mechanical work, and manufactured housing installation, for which the residential and small commercial contractor shall employ the services of a contractor licensed in the particular specialty, except that a residential and small commercial contractor engaged in the construction of single-family and multifamily residences up to four units may perform the mechanical work and hire a licensed plumber or electrician as an employee.
- (36) "Residential building," as it relates to the license classification of residential journeyman plumber and residential master plumber, means a single or multiple family dwelling of up to four units.

(37) (a) "Residential electrical contractor" means a person licensed under this chapter as a residential electrical contractor qualified by education, training, experience, and knowledge to perform the fabrication, construction, and installation of services, disconnecting means, grounding devices, panels, conductors, load centers, lighting and plug circuits, appliances, and fixtures in a residential unit.

- (b) The scope of work of a residential electrical contractor may be further defined by rules made by the commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (38) "Residential journeyman electrician" means a person licensed under this chapter as a residential journeyman electrician having the qualifications, training, experience, and knowledge to wire, install, and repair electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, power, and other purposes on buildings using primarily nonmetallic sheath cable.
- (39) "Residential journeyman plumber" means a person licensed under this chapter as a residential journeyman plumber having the qualifications, training, experience, and knowledge to engage in the plumbing trade as limited to the plumbing of residential buildings.
- (40) "Residential master electrician" means a person licensed under this chapter as a residential master electrician having the qualifications, training, experience, and knowledge to properly plan, layout, and supervise the wiring, installation, and repair of electrical apparatus and equipment for light, heat, power, and other purposes on residential projects.
- (41) "Residential master plumber" means a person licensed under this chapter as a residential master plumber having the qualifications, training, experience, and knowledge to properly plan and layout projects and supervise persons in the plumbing trade as limited to the plumbing of residential buildings.
- (42) (a) "Residential plumbing contractor" means a person licensed under this chapter as a residential plumbing contractor qualified by education, training, experience, and knowledge to perform the fabrication or installation of material and fixtures to create and maintain sanitary conditions in residential buildings by providing permanent means for a supply of safe and pure water, a means for the timely and complete removal from the premises of all used or contaminated water, fluid and semi-fluid organic wastes and other impurities incidental to life and the occupation of such premises, and a safe and adequate supply of gases for lighting, heating, and industrial purposes.

(b) The scope of work of a residential plumbing contractor may be further defined by rules made by the commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

- (43) "Residential project," as it relates to an electrician or electrical contractor, means buildings primarily wired with nonmetallic sheathed cable, in accordance with standard rules and regulations governing this work, including the National Electrical Code, and in which the voltage does not exceed 250 volts line to line and 125 volts to ground.
  - (44) "Sensitive alarm system information" means:
  - (a) a pass code or other code used in the operation of an alarm system;
- (b) information on the location of alarm system components at the premises of a customer of the alarm business providing the alarm system;
- (c) information that would allow the circumvention, bypass, deactivation, or other compromise of an alarm system of a customer of the alarm business providing the alarm system; and
- (d) any other similar information that the division by rule determines to be information that an individual employed by an alarm business should use or have access to only if the individual is licensed as provided in this chapter.
- (45) (a) "Specialty contractor" means a person licensed under this chapter under a specialty contractor classification established by rule, who is qualified by education, training, experience, and knowledge to perform those construction trades and crafts requiring specialized skill, the regulation of which are determined by the division to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.
- (b) A specialty contractor may perform work in crafts or trades other than those in which the specialty contractor is licensed if they are incidental to the performance of the specialty contractor's licensed craft or trade.
  - (46) "Unincorporated entity" means an entity that is not:
- 333 (a) an individual;

- (b) a corporation; or
- 335 (c) publicly traded.
- 336 (47) "Unlawful conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-55-501.

338 (48) "Unprofessional conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 339 58-1-501 and 58-55-502 and as may be further defined by rule. 340 (49) "Wages" means amounts due to an employee for labor or services whether the 341 amount is fixed or ascertained on a time, task, piece, commission, or other basis for calculating 342 the amount. 343 Section 3. Section **58-55-308** is amended to read: 344 58-55-308. Scope of practice -- Installation, repair, maintenance, or replacement 345 of gas appliance, combustion system, automatic fire sprinkler system, or battery-powered 346 fence -- Rules. 347 (1) (a) The commission, with the concurrence of the director, may adopt reasonable 348 rules pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to define and 349 limit the scope of practice and operating standards of the classifications and subclassifications 350 licensed under this chapter in a manner consistent with established practice in the relevant 351 industry. 352 (b) The commission and the director may limit the field and scope of operations of a 353 licensee under this chapter in accordance with the rules and the public health, safety, and 354 welfare, based on the licensee's education, training, experience, knowledge, and financial 355 responsibility. 356 (2) (a) The work and scope of practice covered by this Subsection (2) and Subsection 357 (3) is the installation, repair, maintenance, cleaning, or replacement of a residential or 358 commercial gas appliance or combustion system. 359 (b) The provisions of this Subsection (2) apply to any: (i) licensee under this chapter whose license authorizes the licensee to perform the 360 361 work described in Subsection (2)(a); and 362 (ii) person exempt from licensure under Section 58-55-305. 363 (c) Any person described in Subsection (2)(b) that performs work described in 364 Subsection (2)(a): 365 (i) must first receive training and certification as specified in rules adopted by the 366 commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, 367 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

(ii) shall ensure that any employee authorized under other provisions of this chapter to

perform work described in Subsection (2)(a) has first received training and certification as specified in rules adopted by the division.

- (d) The division may exempt from the training requirements adopted under Subsection (2)(c) a person that has adequate experience, as determined by the division.
- (3) The division may exempt the following individuals from the certification requirements adopted under Subsection (2)(c):
- (a) a person who has passed a test equivalent to the level of testing required by the division for certification, or has completed an apprenticeship program that teaches the installation of gas line appliances and is approved by the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training; and
- (b) a person working under the immediate one-to-one supervision of a certified natural gas technician or a person exempt from certification.
- (4) (a) The work and scope of practice covered by this Subsection (4) is the installation, repair, maintenance, or replacement of an automatic fire sprinkler system.
- (b) The provisions of this Subsection (4) apply to an individual acting as a qualifier for a business entity in accordance with Section 58-55-304, where the business entity seeks to perform the work described in Subsection (4)(a).
- (c) Before a business entity described in Subsection (4)(b) may perform the work described in Subsection (4)(a), the qualifier for the business entity shall:
  - (i) be a licensed general building contractor; or
- (ii) obtain a certification in fire sprinkler fitting from the division by providing evidence to the division that the qualifier has met the following requirements:
- (A) completing a Department of Labor federally approved apprentice training program or completing two-years experience under the immediate supervision of a licensee who has obtained a certification in fire sprinkler fitting; and
- (B) passing the Star fire sprinklerfitting mastery examination offered by the National Inspection Testing and Certification Corporation or an equivalent examination approved by the division.
- (d) The division may also issue a certification in fire sprinkler fitting to a qualifier for a business entity who has received training and experience equivalent to the requirements of Subsection (4)(c), as specified in rules adopted by the commission, with the concurrence of the

400	director, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
401	(5) (a) The scope and practice of this Subsection (5) is the installation, repair,
402	maintenance, or replacement of a battery-charged suspended-wire system or fence that:
403	(i) is part of and interfaces with an alarm system for the purposes of detecting and
404	deterring unauthorized intrusion or entry into or onto certain premises;
405	(ii) is located on property that is not designated by a municipality or county for
406	residential use;
407	(iii) has an energizer that is driven by a commercial storage battery that provides no
408	more than 12 volts of direct current;
409	(iv) produces an electric charge on contact that does not exceed energizer
410	characteristics set for electric fence energizers by the International Electrotechnical
411	<u>Commission;</u>
412	(v) is surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is at least five feet in
413	height;
414	(vi) is not more than the higher of:
415	(A) two feet higher than the height of the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall; or
416	(B) 10 feet in height;
417	(vii) is marked with conspicuous warning signs that are located on the battery-charged
418	suspended-wire system or fence at no more than 30-foot intervals and that read "WARNING
419	ELECTRIC FENCE"; and
420	(viii) meets any rules related to battery-charged suspended-wire systems or fences
421	adopted by the commission, with the concurrence of the director, in accordance with Title 63G,
422	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
423	(b) Before a business entity or person may perform the scope of work described in
424	Subsection (5)(a), the business entity or person shall be a licensed alarm business or company
425	or a licensed alarm company agent.
426	[(5)] (6) This section does not prohibit a licensed specialty contractor from accepting
427	and entering into a contract involving the use of two or more crafts or trades if the performance
428	of the work in the crafts or trades, other than that in which the contractor is licensed, is
429	incidental and supplemental to the work for which the contractor is licensed.